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(b) the steps taken to protect workmen from attacks of cholera, smallpox, etc., in such project camps; and

(c) the arrangements made for treating emergent cases of epidemic in camp sites?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) to (c) The attention of the Member is invited to the paper [a] laid on the table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Am I right in presuming that all these public health arrangements are made in the case of all the projects in the State?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Yes, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know whether there is an infectious shed—isolation shed—in the Vaigai Project camp with regard to which this question has been asked?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Yes, there is a shed, Sir.

Medical concessions to non-gazetted officers

* 19 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the amount spent towards the medical concessions given to the non-gazetted officers of this State during the years 1956–57 and 1957–58?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The labour and time involved in the collection of the particulars required will not be commensurate with the public interest to be served.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether it is a fact that these concessions are not allowed in the case of costly medicines? We are told that at present, only in the case of ordinary cheap medicines, these concessions are given to the non-gazetted Government servants and that in the case of costly medicines, they are asked to purchase them outside. Is it a fact?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Probably, if the medicine is very costly.

SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : தாற்காலிகமாக 10 (a) (i)-ல் வேலே பார்ப்பவர்களுக்கும் அவர்களுடைய குடும்பத்தாருக்கும் இந்தச் சலுகை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : இதற்குப் பதில் சொல்வதற்கு 'நோட்டீஸ்' வேண்டும்.

Sea erosion in Rayapuram and Kasimode

* 20 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to prevent sea erosion in Rayapuram and Kasimode in North Madras; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 230–231 infra.

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(b) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned the construction of a seawall at a cost of Rs. 17 lakhs.

(b) Technical details are being worked out and the work will be taken up for execution as soon as these details are finalized.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : கடல் அரிப்பால் (ஸீ எரோஷன்) பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மீனவர் குடும்பங்கள் எத்தனை என்று கனம் அமைச்சர் தெரிவிப்பாரா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : இதற்குத் தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்கிறேன்.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இது சம்பந்தமான திட்டத்திற்காகக் கார்ப்பொரேஷனுக்கு சர்க்கார் 5 லட்சம் ரூபாய் கடன் கொடுத்திருப்பதாகப் பத்திரிகையில் செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. அவ்வாறு கார்ப்பொரேஷனுக்குக் கடன் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? கார்ப்பொரேஷன் அந்தப் பணத்தைச் செலவழித்து ஏதாவது காரியம் செய்திருக்கிறார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : கார்ப்பொரேஷனுக்குப் பணம் கொடுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்திருக்கிறோம். ஆனால், எஞ்சினியர்கள் நன்றாகக் கவனித்தே வேலையை எடுத்துக் கொள்ள இருப்பதால், திட்டம் இன்னும் துவக்கப்படவில்லை.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk(*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, dated 30th August 1958, from the Governor of Madras :— 3-10 p.m.

'In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras District Development Councils Bill, 1958, as passed by the Madras Legislative Assembly.'

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS BILL, 1958 (L.A. BILL NO. 24 OF 1958).

* THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Mr. Chairman, I move—

"That the Madras District Development Councils Bill[a], 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 24 of 1958), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration."

Hon. Members are aware that one of the proposals in the "White Paper on the Reform of Local Administration" in this State placed before this House in October last is to delimit the existing 12 revenue districts other than Madras in the State into

a Printed as Appendix II on pages 231–237 infra.